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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION :
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE :
AND PERMIT OF: :

Administrative Action

LYNEE DeCANDIA, R.P.I.C. :
License No. R.I. 21548 :

CONSENT ORDER

FRANK DeCANDIA, R.P. :
License No. R.I. 20434 :

RICHARD P. VENUSTI, R.P. :
License No. R.I. 11069 :

and :

RICHARD'S PHARMACY :
Permit No. RSO3912 :

TO PRACTICE PHARMACY AND TO :
OPERATE A PHARMACY IN THE STATE: :
OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened to the State Board of Pharmacy (hereinafter the "Board")
upon the filing of a Complaint by the Attorney General, alleging various violations of the
statutes and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy in the State of New Jersey.

Richard P. Venusti, R.P. (hereinafter the "respondent") is a licensed pharmacist in the State of New Jersey holding license No. R.I. 11069 and was a former employee of Richard's Pharmacy located at 207 Broad Avenue, Palisades Park, New Jersey, holding permit No. RS03912 in the State of New Jersey.

The Complaint alleged inter alia that on or about April 13, 1997 and October 3, 1997, the respondent failed to offer and/or to provide verbal counseling to Division of Consumer Affairs, Enforcement Bureau investigators acting in a covert capacity, when new prescription medications had been dispensed, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:14-15.2(a) and (d), N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d), N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h), N.J.A.C. 13:39-7.14(e) 1 and 2, and N.J.A.C. 13:39-7.14(j).

The Complaint also alleged that on or about January 4, 1996, the respondent failed to offer and/or to provide any verbal counselling to a Division of Consumer Affairs, Enforcement Bureau Investigator acting in a covert capacity, when new prescription medications had been dispensed. As a result, the respondent was fined by the Board in the amount of \$500, for failure to counsel.

The respondent has filed an Answer admitting the allegations in the Complaint and now agrees to resolve this matter without conducting a formal hearing and the Board having determined that the within disposition is adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare, for the reasons expressed herein and other good cause having been shown,

IT IS on this 9th day of November, 2000

ORDERED AND AGREED, that

1. Respondent, Richard Venusti permanently surrenders his license to practice pharmacy in the State of New Jersey which shall have the effect of a revocation. Respondent shall immediately surrender his original wall certificate, his wallet certificate, and his most recent renewal card of his license to Lois Johnson, Executive Director, State Board of Pharmacy, 124 Halsey Street, P.O. Box 45013, Newark, New Jersey 07101.
2. Respondent agrees not to represent himself as a licensed pharmacist in the State of New Jersey. To do so shall subject respondent to liability for the unlicensed practice of pharmacy.
3. Respondent shall pay investigative costs in the amount of \$2,000. Said payments for costs shall be made by certified check or money order and made payable to the State Board of Pharmacy and shall be submitted to the Executive Director.
4. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from practicing pharmacy in the State of New Jersey.

5. This Order resolves all issues that have arisen in connection with the allegations made by the Attorney General in the Complaint filed against the respondent, Richard Venusti, before the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy.

State Board of Pharmacy

By: Richard A. Palombo R.P.
Richard A. Palombo, R.P.
President

I have read and understood the within Order and agree to be bound by its contents. Consented to as to form and entry

Richard Venusti
Richard Venusti, R.P.

Consented to as to form and entry

P. Cliff Rotolo
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